

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Survey No. CE - 1097

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Strahorn Property (Curatorship)

other Grammy's Run

2. Location

street & number 4647 Telegraph Road (Md route 273)

☐ not for publication

city, town Elkton

☐ vicinity

county Cecil

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Maryland Department of Natural Resources

street & number 580 Taylor Avenue, Tawes State Office Building

telephone (410) 260-8186

city, town Annapolis

state and zip code Maryland, 21401

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.

tax map and parcel

city, town

liber and folio

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Individually Listed in the National Register/Maryland Register
- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
- ☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- ☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- ☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
- ☐ HSR or Research report at MHT
- ☐ Other:

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count	
			Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade		
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense		
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	2	
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education		
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary		
		<input type="checkbox"/> government		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry		
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape		
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/ culture		
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion		
		<input type="checkbox"/> social		
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation		
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress		
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:		

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

7. Description

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Condition

☒ excellent ☐ deteriorated
☐ good ☐ ruins
☐ fair ☐ altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

*See Attached

Inventory Number: CE-1097
Strahorn Property
Cecil County, MD
C. Mazurek
June 1998
Section 7.1

Addendum

The Strahorn Property is located at 4647 Telegraph Road, Maryland route 273, which bisects the Fair Hill N.R.M.A. in Cecil County. It is situated not far from the Fair Hill Race Track and is now being restored by the Doto Family under the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Curatorship Program. This property includes a farmhouse, a bank barn, two sheds, a concrete block house, as well as, a temporary housing structure.

The farmhouse is two and one-half stories tall, three-bays long by two-bays wide, and in a "T"-shaped design. It dates from the late Nineteenth century and has Italianate and Gothic Revival elements present in it's construction. On the east side facade there is a one story addition with a second story walk out porch. The frame construction of the house rests on a foundation of uncut fieldstone. The exterior is entirely clad in simple, dropped, horizontal clapboard. A centered gabled roof on the north facade is covered with replacement composition shingles, which were originally wood shingles. The eaves are open with exposed rafters and dominate the roof structure. On either side of the centered gable are interior capped chimneys, as well as, an interior capped chimney on the rear, south, facade. The window and door trim on the first two floors is pedimented in an Italianate style, however the windows in the attic gables have a pointed arch in a Gothic Revival style. The sashes in all windows are 2/2. The interior of the farmhouse is in the process of being renovated back to it's original condition, but still has many elements of the original fabric.

The bank barn is typical of others in the Fair Hill area with it's stone foundation, vertical wood siding, and metal seam roof. Notable features of the barn are an addition that extends out from the front (north) facade, as well as, a side (east) addition that has a wooden arched entryway. The bottom portion of the barn is completely open, exposing the stone foundation, and leading to a fenced in barnyard.

The storage shed, concrete block house, and temporary house are all recent additions to the property, and therefore not historic. They are being used while the Dotos restore the farmhouse.

The condition of the property is excellent with the Curators providing meticulous maintenance and restoration of the structures.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register ☒ Maryland Register ☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, and a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, discuss evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual).

*See attached

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This property is significant as an example of the types of farming complexes that once dominated this section of Cecil County, Maryland in the late Nineteenth century. Architecturally the farmhouse is a good example of how popular Victorian house styles were adapted to simple farm structures. With the addition of this property to the Curatorship program it will no doubt be a landmark example of rural construction for the Fair Hill area.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Eastern Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period(s): Industrial/Urban Dominance

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Community Planning.

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Farming

Known Design Source: None

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

name/title C. Mazurek, Historic Sites Surveyor

Date 6/22/98

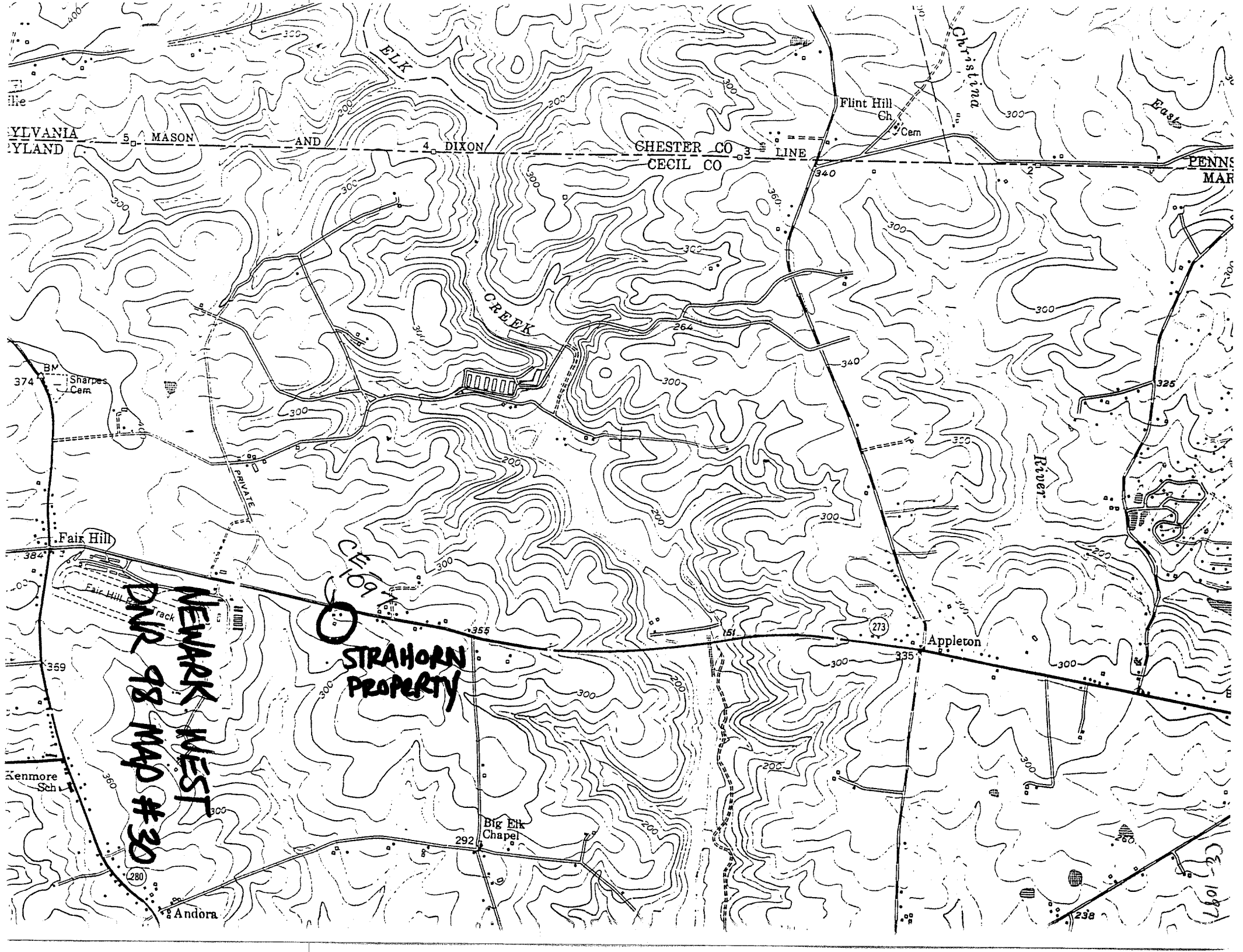
city or town Annapolis

state and zip code Maryland 21401

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DHCD/DHCP
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2 023
410-514-7646





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Grammy's Run

STRAHORN (CURATORSHIP) PROPERTY; FAIR HILL N.R.M.A.

CECIL COUNTY, MD

C. MAZUREK

1/98

DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES

FARMHOUSE, N.E. ELEVATIONS

1/9

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STRAHORN (CURATORSHIP) PROPERTY; FAIR HILL N.R.M.A.

CECIL COUNTY, MD

C. MAZUREK

1/98

DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES

FARMHOUSE, S.E. ELEVATIONS

2/9

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STRAHORN (CURATORSHIP) PROPERTY; FAIR HILL N.R.M.A.

CECIL COUNTY, MD

C. MAZUREK

1/98

DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES

FARMHOUSE WINDOW + DOOR DETAIL, NORTH ELEVATION

4/9

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STRAHORN (CURATORSHIP) PROPERTY; FAIR Hill N.R.M.A.

CECIL COUNTY, MD

C. MAZUREK

1/98

DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES

FARMHOUSE INTERIOR, 1ST FLOOR, FACING EAST

5/9



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STRAHORN (CURATORSHIP) PROPERTY; FAIR Hill N.R.M.A.
CECIL COUNTY, MD

C. MAZUREK

1/98

DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES

VIEW FACING NORTH

6/90

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STRAHORN (CURATORSHIP) PROPERTY; FAIR HILL N.R.M.A.

CECIL COUNTY, MD

C. MAZUREK

1/98

DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES

VIEW FACING NORTH.

7/97

15 105 6561 N N N N-10 2



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STRAHORN (CURATORSHIP) PROPERTY, FAIR HILL N.R.M.A.

CECIL COUNTY, MD

C. MAZUREK

1/98

DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES

BARN S.E. ELEVATIONS

8/9

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STRAHORN (CURATORSHIP) PROPERTY; FAIR HILL N.R.M.A.

CECIL COUNTY, MD

C. MAZUREK

1/98

DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES

BARN, N.E. ELEVATIONS

9/9

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CE - 1097
Grammy's Run
Near Fair Hill
Private

c. 1860-1880

Named for the small tributary of the Big Elk Creek, this Fourth District farm also borders MD Route 273. The two and a half story T shaped farmhouse and accompanying braced frame bank barn are both products of ~~the~~ third quarter of the 19th century technology. Still in use in both structures ~~construction~~ is a system of heavy braced timber framing. While barn construction remained basically the same into the early 20th century the ~~existing~~ framing members and building methods for a house were streamlined and standardized for what is known as balloon framing.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

File 4-115

1 NAME

HISTORIC

MAGI # 0810975504

AND/OR COMMON

Grammy's Run

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Route 273 $\frac{1}{2}$ mile ~~WEST~~ ^{EAST} of Fair Hill

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Cecil

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☒ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Harold W. Strahorn

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

41 Strahorn Lane

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

☒ VICINITY OF

STATE Maryland zip code 21921

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #: RRC 23

Folio #: 105

STREET & NUMBER

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Cecil County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT

☒ GOOD

☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED

☐ RUINS

☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED

☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE

☐ MOVED

DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Paul B. Touart

ORGANIZATION

Cecil County Committee

DATE

11/03/81

STREET & NUMBER

Cecil Co7nty Courthouse

TELEPHONE

398-0200

CITY OR TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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(BAY VIEW)

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(BAY VIEW)

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Grammox's Run
NORTHWEST ELEV.

NR Fair Hill

3/80 PBT

NEL. 1 MR. HIST TRUST

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Granny's Run

SOUTHEAST ELEV.

NR Fair Hill

3180 PST

NEG. 1 MP. HIST TRUST



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GRANNY'S RUN
NR & FAIR HILL

INTERIOR - CENTER STAIR

3/80 PPT

NEG. / NO. HIST TRUST